

# eSafety Forum

## 1. eSafety Forum Objective and Membership

### Objective:

To monitor and promote the implementation of the recommendations of the eSafety Working Group (see eSafety WG Final Report, November 2002), and to support the development, deployment and use of Intelligent Integrated Road Safety Systems.

### Membership

Participation is foreseen from the European Commission, automotive industry, telecommunications industry and operators, equipment and service suppliers, motorway operators, road administrations, insurance companies, automobile clubs and other stakeholders.

Participation from Member States will be especially encouraged. These members (from Road and Highway authorities, transport ministries, safety organisations) are invited to participate both in the Plenary Meetings and the Working Groups.

International participation will be also encouraged. For this purpose, a specific Working Group will be set up. This WG is expected to produce its first report at the 2<sup>nd</sup> eSafety Plenary.

## 2. The eSafety Forum Steering Group

The eSafety Forum Steering Group has the following members:

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| <i>ACEA:</i>                | <i>I. Hodac</i>                        |
| <i>ERTICO:</i>              | <i>O. Mossé</i>                        |
| <i>EC DG INFSO:</i>         | <i>A. Vits (Chair)</i>                 |
|                             | <i>J. Jaaskelainen (Rapporteur)</i>    |
| <i>EC DG ENTR:</i>          | <i>P-O. Engelbrecht</i>                |
| <i>Road Operators:</i>      | <i>Jean Mesqui, ASFA</i>               |
| <i>Telecom Operators:</i>   | <i>Jacques Garcin, Orange World</i>    |
| <i>Equipment Suppliers:</i> | <i>Prof. Gert Siegle, Robert Bosch</i> |
| <i>Insurance:</i>           | <i>Robert Ledger, Norwich Union</i>    |
| <i>Automobile Clubs:</i>    | <i>David Ward, FIA</i>                 |

The Steering Group will meet regularly about once per month, under the chairmanship of the Commission. The Chairs of the Working Groups (see later) will be invited to participate on meetings as necessary. The Steering Group is charged of the practical organisation of the work of the eSafety Forum, including setting up the Working Groups and organising the Plenary Meetings, but does not formulate the policy or make decisions for the Forum. This is the task of the Plenary Meetings.

### 3. The eSafety Forum Plenary Sessions

The eSafety Forum will focus its work on a limited number of topics at a time. These topics, four per Plenary Session, have been agreed with industry and will be prepared by the domain-specific Working Groups. Two Plenary Meetings are foreseen for 2003:

- (1) **April 22, 2003, in Brussels**, discussing eCall, Accident Causation Data, Business Case and Human-Machine Interface
- (2) **November 17, 2003, in Madrid**, during the ITS World Congress of 16-19 November, discussing Road Maps, Real Time Traffic and Travel Information (RTTI), RTD and International issues. This meeting will also produce the first monitoring report on the progress of eSafety.

The main tasks of the eSafety Plenary Meetings are to discuss the above-mentioned topics on the basis of the Working Group reports, and to try to conclude with Forum Recommendations which present consensus views on the implementation of the action in question. Additionally, it is expected that the Commission will report on the progress on the Commission Communication on ICT for Intelligent Vehicles, as well as progress on other related activities. The Plenary Sessions are chaired by the Commission.

### 4. Working Groups

The first four Working Groups (reporting at the first Plenary) have been established. The responsibility for setting up the meetings and practical organisation will rest with the chairs. The proposed chairs are as follows:

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| <i>eCall:</i>                   | <i>ERTICO/Belgacom</i> |
| <i>Accident Causation Data:</i> | <i>ACEA</i>            |
| <i>Business Rationale:</i>      | <i>Norwich Union</i>   |
| <i>Human-Machine Interface:</i> | <i>INRETS, France</i>  |

The establishment of four additional Working Groups will be discussed at the first Plenary Meeting.

### 5. Relations with Member States

The Member States are essential stakeholders in eSafety, and are expected to implement or to contribute to a number of actions identified in the eSafety Working Group Final Report, including investments to road and communications infrastructure.

While the formal relations with the Member States will be channelled through the High-Level Group on Road Safety (managed by DG TREN), Member States have expressed a wish to be more directly involved in the work of the Forum.

The Steering Group has invited the Commission to investigate the possibility of setting up a permanent Advisory Group, consisting of Member States representatives. This group would ensure proper information exchange between

The Forum and the Member States, and would report both towards the Forum and the High-Level Group.